

1. (Amended) A device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure comprising:

a body for engaging a support structure;

said body supporting at least one tensioner, said tensioner rotationally supported by said body;

a pawl supported on said body and rotationally movable to engage one end thereof with said tensioner;

a depression in the end of said tensioner for rotation thereof,

said pawl having an engaging end perpendicular to said pawl and engaging the surface of a portion of said tensioner, thereby blocking rotational movement of said tensioner.

2. (Original) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 1 wherein said pawl is biased toward a position wherein said pawl engaging end is blockingly engaged with said tensioner.

3. (Original) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 1 wherein said body is unitary.

4. (Original) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 1 wherein said tensioner further comprises a substantially cylindrical structure having an opening substantially parallel to said axis of said cylinder for receiving an end of a flexible member.

5. (Amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 4 wherein said opening further comprises a widening of said opening to accommodate said thickened portions of said flexible member.

6. (Amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 5 wherein said widening of said opening is located proximate each end of said opening and at mid-opening.

7. (Amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 2 wherein said bias is provided by a tensioner spring connected to said pawls pawl.

8. (Amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 1 wherein said body supports a pair of tensioners, said tensioners rotationally supported by said body:

a pair of pawls each supported on said body and rotationally moveable to engage one end thereof with one of said ~~tensioner~~ tensioners, said pawl having an engaging end perpendicular to said pawl and engaging the surface of a portion of said tensioner thereby blocking movement of said tensioner,

each of said tensioners having a depression in the end thereof for rotation thereof.

9. (Original) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 8 wherein said body is unitary.

10. (Amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 8 wherein each said tensioner further comprises a substantially cylindrical structure having an opening substantially parallel to said axis of said cylinder for receiving an end of a flexible member.

11. (Amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 10 wherein said opening further comprises a widening of said opening to accommodate said thickened portions of said flexible member.

12. (Amended) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 11 wherein said widening of said opening is located proximate each end of said opening and at mid-opening.

13. (Original) The device for tensioning a flexible member relative to a structure of claim 9 wherein said bias is provided by a tensioner spring connected to said pawls.